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FALL 2009

WING CALENDAR

LtC Lesley M. Lara
CAP Executive Administrator

OCTOBER

3-4 Sq. Leadership School
8 Highlanders Sq Open House
16-17 GTTS Hidden Valley
21 Commander's Call 1900 hrs.
23-25 Graded Tng. Exercise--PSM
31 Corp. Learning Course

NOVEMBER

1 Corp. Learning Course
7 Unit Commanders Course
13-14 GTTS Hidden Valley
18 Commander's Call 1900

DECEMBER

09 Commander's Call 1900
11-12 GTTS Hidden Valley
12 Wreaths Across America-
Boscawen
15 Abenaki News deadline

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

Col Donald C. Davidson, Commander

With this newsletter issue, I am providing the remarks made at the very successful 2009 NH Wing Conference. For those who could not attend, you missed an excellent event and hopefully you can plan to attend next year where we will turn over our great Wing to a new Commander

Good Morning to you all and Welcome to the 2009 NH Wing Conference. We have a very busy morning of Awards and proclamations and a rather full and exciting afternoon of seminars on numerous and interesting CAP subjects.

First, let me formally "Welcome" our new NER Commander to his first conference; Col Chris Hayden of Maine. Col Hayden only took over the reigns of the NER on August 9th and he joins other notable CAP leaders by attending our NH Wing event as his first official Conference. Former NER Commander Diduch; former National Commander Gen Pinada and current National Commander, Gen Courter all had their 1st official conference right here in our great State of NH.

This past year has been filled with much success for your Wing. We have started several new tasks and have also been recognized for great work. A few days ago at the National Convention in San Antonio, your Wing was recognized with the honor of the NER Disaster Relief Wing of the year for the NER. This award was presented because of the work members of your Wing did during the December Ice Storms. I was very proud to receive the plaque from Gen Courter on behalf of all of you. The year before, we had also assisted the State during the May Tornado.

Our ES training schedule was very busy with a number of SAREX events throughout the year. We held our 4th successful 3 day SAREX in August, located once again at HIE, and I believe that all who participated will agree that it was the most productive 3 day event we have had!

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

SPAATZ AWARD

C/COL Vincent VanDintel Highlanders

MITCHELL AWARD

John Keisling Nashua
 Noah Johnson Lebanon
 Meredith Leno Concord

CONCORD

Heather Hill C/2Lt
 Benton Beltramo C/2Lt
 Nicholas Schaper C/2Lt
 Josh Thomas C/2Lt
 Bailey Beltramo C/SMSgt
 Ricky Dowd C/SMSgt
 Arthur Gould C/MSgt
 Jack Brown C/TSgt
 Michael Denham C/TSgt
 Jordan Loll C/SSgt
 Connor Anderson C/A1C
 Brock Allen C/A1C
 Nick Darling C/A1C
 Ryan Erlich Mitchell C/A1C
 Bryce Pedit C/Amn

HAWK

Max Haas C/Major
 Daniel Powell C/TSgt
 Joseph Hoehn C/TSgt
 Gracia Woodman C/SrA
 Erik VanDenBerghe C/SrA
 Patrick Perry C/A1C
 Jonathan Grant C/A1C
 Brandyn Boynton C/Amn

MONADNOCK

Adam Somero C/MSgt
 Travis Somero C/TSgt
 Andrew Brown C/A1C
 Ben Carnes C/Amn
 Zack Seppala C/Amn
 Luke Moran C/Amn
 Justin Somero C/Amn

LEBANON

Parker Sorenson C/2Lt
 James Bassette C/CMSgt
 Christian Brechbuhl C/CMSgt
 Harrison Linowski C/CMSgt
 Christopher Kondi C/SMSgt
 Matthew Dulac C/MSgt
 Benjamin Stallman C/TSgt
 Connor Dodge C/TSgt
 Conner Gavell C/A1C
 Mateo Melendy C/A1C
 Eric Peterson C/A1C
 Samuel Linowski C/Amn
 Jonathon Butler C/Amn
 Matthew Eaton C/Amn
 Robert Fernandez C/Amn
 Charles Kahn C/Amn

GREATER NASHUA

Chad Jeffers C/CMSgt
 Sandra Costa C/TSgt
 Ryan Sullivan C/SSgt
 Ross Lannin C/SrA
 Hannah Andrick C/SrA
 Myles Leclerc C/SrA
 Nastasha LaRiviere C/Amn
 Carina Kezer C/Amn
 Harrison Gustin C/Amn
 Dave Delahunty C/Amn
 Eric Daigle C/Amn

SEACOAST

Julian Davila C/1Lt
 Rachael Hockhousen C/CMSgt
 Michelle Wegner C/CMSgt
 Brandon Patterson C/CMSgt
 Adam Parent C/SMSgt
 Matthew Piazza C/TSgt
 LeRoy Hutton C/TSgt
 Travis Comtois C/SSgt
 Hannah Azotea C/SrA
 Thomas Cifrino C/SrA



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A number of cadets participated in the 2009 Encampment at Norwich University, while some of the other members participated in the NCO Academy held at the fire academy in Concord. The Concord color guard led the parade at the old home event in Epsom. Twelve cadets and two seniors took a tour of Hanscom Air Field in Massachusetts. The tour was led by AF Airman 1st Class Ashley. After the tour the group went shopping at the Base Exchange and Thrift Store filled with uniform supplies. With umbrellas up and ponchos on the group stood at attention while Sen. Kennedy's motorcade drove by. Maj. Varney, Capt. Stokes and Capt Farrell along with Maj. Shaw(DCP) attended the funeral in Pembroke and burial services at NHSVC in Boscawen for Army Spc. Justin Pellerin a former cadet from our squadron who was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. In a change of cadet command 2/Lt Connor Moroney has assumed command of the cadet corps.

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

In recognition of C/CMSgt Aleksandr Hosage the following was written by DCC Maj. Tim Smith. C/CMSgt Hosage has been one of the most active cadets in our squadron for some time. He was our squadron Cadet of the Year in 2008, has maintained a high level of participation in NHW Sarexes, attended the National Blue Beret, served on the CAC, participated with distinction in the 2008 SAR/EVAL, and is a member of the squadron's cadet administrative staff. Cadet Hosage sets a very high standard of volunteer service and has demonstrated a strong willingness to provide whatever is needed in any activity requested of him. He has taken initiative to further his own qualifications to be a stronger resource for the squadron. Unfortunately, C/CMSgt. Hosage has recently moved south to Washington, DC. He has been a tremendous asset to our squadron and will be sorely missed. Our best wishes and sincere thanks go out to Alex Hosage, a truly fine young man.

HAWK CADET SQUADRON

The squadron has been very busy the last month or so. Members went to Pease ANG Base on two occasions in August to enjoy time in the KC-135 simulator. Several cadets also attended the NCO Academy. C/Maj. Max Haas graduated from the national Cadet Officer School as his flight's top performer. There have been some changes in cadet staff positions over the summer. The unit's color guard which is also the wing color guard presented the colors at the NH Wing Conference on Sept. 12th and will also be presenting the colors at the Gilford Middle School football game on Sept. 18th.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

C/1Lt Adam Behr and C/Col Vincent Van Dintel worked as commanders at the NER Summer Camp at Coast Guard Station Otis. Sgt. E. Parent and C/CMSgt Souders were on staff. Capt Gilbert was deputy commander. 1Lt Rebecca Behr and Cadet Wash went to encampment at Norwich U. Wash was chosen outstanding cadet. Sgt Anderson attended NCSA Space Camp in Florida and Cadet Cole-McCrae had a blast at the NH/VT glider academy. A ground team supported the SAREX at Whitefield. Several cadets and seniors helped staff the wing conference.

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Back in July four cadets attended the encampment at Norwich U. The squadron lent support for the Prouty Century Bike Ride and Challenge for the third year with communications assistance along

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

SEACOAST SQUADRON

SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Mark Varney	Ltc
Ed Bernard	Capt
Ernest Castle	1/Lt
Christopher Grossi	1/Lt
Robert Tirrell	1/Lt
Matthew Wilson	1/Lt
Jacqueline Lambert	2/Lt
Marshall Giguere	2/Lt

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On behalf of the Lara family, we would like to thank you for your outpouring of support during our difficult time concerning the passing of our Mother—Maril Ignacia Lara. The Lara family was overwhelmed with your kindness and truly appreciated the NHCAP family's thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Santos and Lesley

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Trip to West Point and Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome NY
By C/CMSgt Bassette--Lebanon Comp. Squadron

It was early in the month of August and all too early for cognizance as six cadets and 3 seniors groggily packed and repacked the squadron van one Saturday morning. With a four hour trip to West Point ahead of them however, there was good reason for the prompt commencement. A snapshot 4 ½ hours later found everyone busily unpacking camping supplies and setting up tents on Constitution Island which was generously offered by West Point and organized by Maj. Aram Donigian. Once organized, the campers drove over to the US Military Academy at West Point. There they were greeted by Maj. Donigian who led the cadets on an in-depth exhibition of the campus. From a bird's eye view at Ft. Putnam, he pointed out all the major landmarks on campus. While there, they were fortunate enough to interview a squad on new cadets and watch them perform training in combat simulations. The CAP members then went on the visit the cemetery and the chapel. Later, the cadets had the opportunity to visit with 4th year cadets and learn about the academy from the leadership perspective. For supper, they ate in the West Point mess hall. The day concluded on Constitution Island as everyone watched the sun set. After an entertaining evening full of conversation and marshmallow smores, everyone went to bed satisfied and prepared for the trip to Old Rhinebeck in the morning. Waking up early, breakfast was made and devoured, the van was repacked, and showers were taken at West Point (thanks to the hospitality of Maj. Donigian). The trip to Old Rhinebeck was successfully concluded in less than two hours. Due to rain, the air show was aborted. However, the cadets/seniors managed to complete a fascinating tour of the historic airplanes during the drizzle. Once satisfied, they began the long trip back to Lebanon. The excursion ended with their arrival back at Lebanon Airport too tired for cognizance as they unpacked and disbanded to their homes.

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NH Wing Conference from a Cadet's Perspective
By C/2Lt Noah Johnson—Lebanon Comp. Squadron

Four members of our squadron went down to the 2009 NH Wing Conference in Manchester on Sept 12th. For me personally it was a good experience. I was able to attend several seminars and talk to other cadets from around the wing. The day started off with presentation of the colors by the Hawk Squadron color guard and opening ceremonies. After introductions of the head table, awards and promotions were given out. This also included promotions for Lt Bernard and myself. "Congratulations, Capt Bernard!" After awards and lunch we had time to look around at various uniform items at the "Thrift Shop" display. For the rest of the day there were a variety of interesting seminars for both seniors and cadets covering a host of topics. Although I did not stay for it, there was a banquet in the evening with a guest speaker. Overall it was a good experience and I would suggest attending in the upcoming years.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

The next Squadron Leadership School (SLS) will be held October 3 and 4 at wing headquarters. The Corporate Learning Course will be held on October 31 and Nov 1 at wing headquarters. Please get your Form 17s in to Capt. Robert Gilbert as soon as possible. For questions contact him at:
rbg181301@comcast.net.

Commander's Corner continued

. It is our intent to make this function an annual event and hopefully cultivate local interest and memberships for CAP as a result. We know things are getting better at HIE because this year, the airport manager actually enjoyed our company!

Our Cadet Summer encampment continues to be outstanding as for the third year we have enjoyed the use of fantastic encampment resources of Norwich University in Vermont. The entire encampment staff deserves our sincere thanks for a superb event. With Cadets attending from several NER Wings this year, we hope to expand this event for all NER Wings to send participants in the future.

This past spring, your Wing was contracted by the State of NH to fly Fire Patrol on one of 3 Fire Patrol routes in our State. This task was the first agreement generated from our efforts to educate our State officials and agencies about the value of using CAP for their missions. So impressed with our professionalism and response was the State, that this summer they requested that we expand our service to include a second route for the balance of this year. Although the wet weather has greatly reduce the amount of actual flights we were required to operate, it also allowed us to perfect our training and scheduling process which will aid our mission activity for next season. A great deal of thanks is due to the Fire Patrol Coordination cadre from the LCI region, which directed and managed this task all summer.

NH continues to produce outstanding Cadets who attain the coveted Spaatz award. In just the past 3 years, we have had 3 Cadets receive their Spaatz and today we will add a forth. And, in just a few weeks, another Wing Cadet will take his finals for the award. I do not feel that any other Wing can match the "per Capita" percentage of successful Spaatz applicants that we have produced over the past 3 years. We all should be proud of these NH Cadets.

Finally, I want to comment on the NER SARCOMP Competition that we were part of last Memorial Day weekend. Your NH ES teams were the best of the NER when all of the contests were over. NH took the overall first place trophy with scores of first place in 2 categories and tied for first in the third. Your Wing has set the baseline for the future SARCOMPS.

Thank you all for coming and please enjoy the conference!

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From the Chaplain's Desk

While between customers at the Friends and Neighbor's Thrift Shoppe a few weeks ago, I was looking at several "new" books that had come into the store. There was one that caught my eye entitled, *Splashes of Joy in the Cesspools of Life* by Barbara Johnson. Looking quickly at the book I determined that it was a women's book written especially for women. However as I began to read the short stories and pithy sayings sprinkled throughout, I determined that it was for anyone that needed a little more humor and faith in their lives.

The author has become quite notable on the west coast as a Christian comedian. She is much sought out for after dinner speeches and conventions of one sort or another. Barbara had two sons, one was killed in the Vietnam War and the other died at the hands of a drunk driver on the Interstate highway in Oregon. In her grief and despair she turned to her faith in God and humor to help her through her difficult times. Her second book was titled, *Daily Splashes of Joy; 365 Gems to Sparkle Your Day*. It's

the title of the first book, however, that really caught my eye, *Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy!* That one will grab your attention. As I stated, these books are full of wonderful clean humor that will really make you chuckle, but there is also a wonderfully serious side of Barbara and I'd like to share some of her thoughts with you from her third book.

Priceless Gifts to Give for Free

The gift of listening: No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your responses. Just listen.

The gift of affection: Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back, and handholding.

The gift of laughter: Share articles, funny stories and cartoons in order to tell someone, "I love to laugh with you."

The gift of a complement: A simple and sincere "You look great in red," "You did a super job," or "That was a wonderful meal" can really make someone's day.

The gift of solitude: Being sensitive to the times when others want nothing more than to be left alone.

The gift of a cheerful disposition: The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, even if it's just to say hello or thank you.

The gift of prayer: Let your friends and loved ones know that you pray for them – then do it.

Think about it!

Chaplain Cliff Vendt
New Hampshire Wing Chaplain

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2009 New Hampshire Wing Conference—Manchester

This year's wing conference was held on Sept. 12, 2009 at the Best Western in Manchester. While the weather was somewhat dismal it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the attendees. C/Capt Alecia Hagman was Master(Mistress?) of Ceremonies and did a terrific job. The Hawk color guard presented the colors at the general assembly and the banquet. Col Christopher Hayden newly appointed NER Region Commander was in attendance as well as Curt LaFond, NHQ Dir. of Cadet Programs, Col Belcher, MA Wing/ CC and Col Jensen, CT Wing /CC. The morning got started with a number of commander's commendations and other awards then C/Col Vincent Van Dintel was awarded the coveted Spaatz award by Col Hayden, assisted by Curt LaFond, a former Spaatz cadet, and Col Davidson. There were some achievement awards and certificates of appreciation then the moment all were waiting for arrived—the of the year awards!!!!!!

Cadet of the Year	C/LtCol Sebastian Van Dintel	Highlanders
Cadet Leadership Award	C/Capt Alecia Hagman	Seacoast
Staff Member of the Year	Maj Robert Shaw	NHW/DCP
Senior Member of the Year	Capt Frank Farrell	Concord
Sq. CC of the Year	Maj. Dominic Goupil	Seacoast

Recruiting Officer of Year	Maj. Michael Hall	Seacoast
Comm. Officer of Year	1Lt Wayne Maxwell	NHW/HQ
AE Officer of the Year	Maj Dominic Goupil	Seacoast

The evening banquet was well attended and the guest speaker, Dr Richard Schneider, President of Norwich University was inspiring. Other speakers were Rep John DeJoie, Collins P. Davison, Norwich University, and Mr. Kenneth Lurvey, Concord Business Development Coordinator(ret). Our State Director Mr. Sid Girardin, also known as "Sir Sid" was given a plaque for his dedication to NH Wing. If you missed the conference some of the seminars are posted on the wing website for your perusal.



Monadnock Squadron Cadets at the Air Force Academy
C/Capt Christopher Giacomo--2010 C/TSgt William Shaw--2013
C/LtCol William Smedley--2013 C/2Lt John Ribalito--2010



Seacoast Squadron on the firing range at NER Summer Encampment
at Coast Guard Station Falmouth



Lebanon Squadron members take a break at Dean Memorial Airport in No. Haverhill, NH

